

Program Highlights 2007

Innovative Outreach:

Mobile Advising Center (MAC 2007)

The Vilnius Educational Information Center developed a series of outreach events to promote US education as a high quality alternative for studying in the EU. EducationUSA advisers visited all academic towns in Lithuania and mailed resource materials directly to all secondary school libraries, as well as to universities and colleges.



EducationUSA Students Who Made It – Letters to the Advisers

“Hope that you remember me. I am Deividas from Klaipeda. I was accepted by one of the best Liberal Arts Colleges – Williams College! This is great! They are offering me a full scholarship: \$40,000 per academic year. Columbia University also gave me a full scholarship and this is quite rare for this university. Yale accepted me with financial support, but I declined. Could you imagine my feeling – I said no to Yale... I will be the first Lithuanian at Williams, and I am so proud. A lot of “thank you” to the Vilnius Center!”

Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy in Lithuania
- ▶ Studiju kokybes vertinimo centras (National ENIC/NARIC)
- ▶ Svetimo mainu paramos fondas (Education Exchanges Support Foundation)
- ▶ Network of Lithuanian universities international coordinators
- ▶ Lithuanian Researches' Mobility Center

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	563	460
Total number of center inquiries:	7,300	9,500
Number of students that have gone to study in the US as a result of assistance from EducationUSA centers:	542	327

Lithuania

Advising Center Network

EducationUSA has three networks partners in Lithuania: The American Center of the US Embassy; Vilnius Educational Information Center (VEIC); and the Youth Career and Advising Center in Kaunas. The centers provide group advising sessions on US higher education, individual counseling, outreach seminars, and represents EducationUSA at annual country college fairs. VEIC also provides information directly to Lithuanian high schools, institutions of higher education, and governmental agencies. The centers operate a comprehensive reference library and offer extensive web services via VEIC and the US Embassy, Public Affairs Section.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -17.9%

- ▶ An ever increasing number of students consider the United Kingdom for their future education due to financial considerations: Lithuanian citizens have the right to a UK loan which covers full tuition for undergraduate studies.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business administration, economics, and natural sciences.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: basketball, cycling, swimming, and track-and-field.

Resource Links

EducationUSA Vilnius Educational Information Center: <http://eac.osf.lt/index.php?lang=en>

American Center Vilnius, US Embassy: <http://vilnius.usembassy.gov/study.html>

Ministry of Education and Science: www.smm.lt/en/index.htm

ENIC/NARIC higher education system in Lithuania: www.skvc.lt/enic-naric/hedsys.asp

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Lithuanian	Lithuanian
Years of study required:	8 years of mandatory English courses	2 years of mandatory English courses
Grading system & US equivalent:	12 years	4 years
	Excellent (10) – A	Excellent (10) – A
	Very Good (9) – A	Very Good (9) – A
	Good (8) – B	Good (8) – B
	Highly Satisfactory (7) – B	Highly Satisfactory (7) – B
	Satisfactory (6) – C	Satisfactory (6) – C
	Sufficient (5) – C	Sufficient (5) – C
	Fail (1-4) – F	Fail (1-4) – F
Scholarship for US studies:	Students and advisers rely on the EducationUSA Weekly Update and the www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm resource link	

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Lithuanian Education Fair 2008: representation of institutions in the National Fair 2008 for US universities (February 21-23, 2008 and winter 2009). Contact EducationUSA for exhibition support.
- ▶ Administration of TOEFL iBT tests for ETS.

Partnering with EducationUSA Lithuania

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Lithuania regarding the National Education Fair or to discuss specific project ideas for 2008/09.

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